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SUBJECT: MANLEY VIEWS ON U.S./AFRICA POLICY

1. IN MY MEETING WITH MANLEY SEPTEMBER 3 HE HELD FORTH AT LENGTH ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. MANLEY SAID HE FELT THE U.S. HAD MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY IN ANGOLA. "YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN ANGOLA RATHER THAN THE CUBANS" HE STATED. "WHY DON'T YOAW WANT TO BE POPULAR IN THE THIED WORLD?" HE ASKED. "YOU LOSE LONG-TERM STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES FOR SHORT-TERM TACTICAL GAINS." I REBUTTED, POINTING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH IN PHILADELPHIA. I GAVE MANLEY A COPY AND SAID IF HE LOOKED AT IT HE WOULD SEE THE CHANGE IN AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD AFRICA.

2. WE DISCUSSED RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AND THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO. MANLEY TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. SHOULD "REALLY GET IN THE FOREFRONT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA" AND "GET OUT OF THE BOX YOU ARE IN REGARDING VORSTER". I DESCRIBED TO MANLEY THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR POLICIES TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AND THE ANOMALY CREATED BY THIRD WORLD DEMANDS THAT WE RESPECT OTHER NATIONS' SOVEREIGNTY, BUT THAT WE ALSO INTERVENE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. IN CONNECTION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THERE WERE ALSO IMPORTANT STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE STABILITY OF ANY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH MIGHT EMERGE WOULD BE
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OF MAJOR CONCERN TO EVERYONE. MANLEY AGREED BUT

MADE CLEAR HIS OVERRIDING CONCERN WAS APARTHEID.

3. AT ONE POINT MANLEY EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT CUBA WAS BEING "NAUGHTY" IN RHODESIA. HIS GENERAL TONE REGARDING CUBA WAS SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

4. HE CONCLUDED HIS AFRICAN REMARKS WITH A BRIEF APOLOGIA FOR LECTURING ON AN AREA OUTSIDE HIS PROPER AREA OF INTEREST. I TOLD HIM THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE; WE CONSIDERED JAMAICA AND HIM IMPORTANT LEADERS IN THE CARIBBEAN, AND WERE MOST INTERESTED IN HIS VIEWS.

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